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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

AS the numerous writers of your Society are the chief ſupport and ornament of printing; you muſt be nearly intereſted in every circumſtance that contributes to the honour of it. I congratulate you therefore upon the advantageous figure, which CAXTON our country-man and fellow citizen makes in Dr. MIDDLETON's *Diſſertation concerning the origin of* this art *in England*. But, good Mr. BAVIUS, is not the old man's authority placed a little too high, when moſt, if not all our Engliſh *Chronicles*, are made to ſubmit to his; and a new Æra is preſcribed to one of our kings by it? Dr. MIDDLETON maintains from him, p. 3. that EDWARD IV. *was proclaimed in London at the* end of 1459, *according to our computation, on the 4th of March, and crowned about the Midſummer following* (i. e. 1460.) Is not CAXTON, you'll ſay, a good evidence of a fact that happened in his own time? May be ſo: but the Doctor's *Diſſertation* is even built upon the ſuppoſition that the preſs was not infallible in thoſe days: and might not MCCCCLIX, by an eaſy tranſpoſition, eſcape inſtead of MCCCCLXI. I need not appeal to other contemporary hiſtorians, where we are capable of producing demonſtration. The firſt inſtrument in RYMER, under EDWARD IV. begins thus. *Memorandum, quod die Martis decimo die Martii anno regni regis* EDWARDI *primo*. Now in the year 1460-1, the tenth of March fell on a tueſday; but in 1459-60, on a monday. I will venture therefore to vindicate the true reading of our old almanacks, and to exterminate a falſe one from CAXTON's *Chronicle*.

But the Doctor raiſes a triumph upon his great diſcovery; and poor EACHARD is ſingled out to be laſhed for not reading this *Chronicle*, or not making the ſame uſe of it with the Doctor. Mr. EACHARD (ſays he, p. 21.) *at the end of* EDWARD IV's *reign, among the learned of that age mentions* WILLIAM CAXTON *as a writer of Engliſh hiſtory; but* SEEMS *to doubt whether he was the ſame with the printer of that name. Had he ever looked into* CAXTON's *books, the doubt had been cleared; or had he conſulted his* Chronicle of England, *which it is ſtrange that Engliſh hiſtorian could neglect! he would have learnt at leaſt to fix the beginning of that reign with more exactneſs, as it is noted above, juſt* TWO *years earlier than he has placed it*. Juſt ONE *year* the Doctor ſhould have ſaid: EACHARD fixing it, very right, *Mar.* 4, 1461, *according to the common computation in thoſe days* (i. e. 1460-1.) the Doctor 1459 *according to our computation* (i. e. 1459-60.) —— But this gentleman ſeems reſolved to be at variance with that hiſtorian as far as poſſible. He gives us his doubts, but ſo much the worſt ſide of them, that it is but juſt to let the hiſtorian ſpeak for himſelf. *In this reign flouriſhed* JOHN HARDING and WILLIAM CAXTON, *both writers of the Engliſh hiſtory. And that which now began to give new encouragement to learning, was the famous Art of Printing, which was firſt found out in Germany by* JOHN GUTTENBERGHEN *about* 1440, *or ſomewhat later, and was brought into England by* WILLIAM CAXTON, *a mercer of London*, and PROBABLY *the ſame with the hiſtorian, who firſt practiſed the ſame in the Abbey of Weſtminſter* 1471, *and the* 11*th of this reign*; the hiſtorian writes ſo agreeably to the Doctor's hypotheſis, that one would think he need not be ſo much aſhamed of his company.

As we are now upon chronology, I will give you another inſtance of the Doctor's fondneſs of ſingularity in it. Pag. 11. he cites from Mr. MATTAIRE, AUSONIUS's *Epigrams* printed at *Venice* 1472, *with this deſignation of the year at the end, A nativitate Chriſti ducenteſimæ nonageſimæ quintæ Olympiadis anno* II. Where, by the way, to make the deſignation of the year at the end, correſpond to the figures at the beginning 1472, it ſhould be read *nonageſimæ* QUARTAE. Whether this is an error of the preſs in the *Venice* edition, or only in Mr. MATTAIRE's account of it, I know not. But the point I am coming to, Mr. BAVIUS, is the Doctor's pompous remark. *The printer, ſays he, follows the* COMMON *miſtake, both of the* ANCIENTS *and* MODERNS, *of taking the* Olympiad *for a term of five years complete. Whereas it included but four, and was celebrated every fifth; as the* Luſtrum *likewiſe of the Romans*. I have conſulted upon this occaſion various modern writers of chronology, from JOSEPH SCALIGER, down to ADAM LITTLETON; and all I have yet met with make an Olympiad to conſiſt, as the Doctor does, of no more than *four* years complete. There are ſome paſſages indeed among the Roman poets to the contrary; who, out of a poetical liberty, have extended the Olympiad to five years, the uſual term of their own *Luſtrum*. But they have not been ſuppoſed to ſpeak with chronological exactneſs, ſince there are more expreſs authorities againſt them: ſo that the Doctor's opinion here, and I like it never the worſe, is the COMMON one. But that the Roman *Luſtrum* included only *four* years, is too ſingular, I dare ſay, for him to ſtand by. It was ordinarily *celebrated*, as he ſays, *every fifth year*, that is, the 5th, the 10th, 15th, 20th, &c. but not in the ſame manner, as he himſelf underſtands the Olympiad, the 1ſt, 5th, 9th, 13th, 17th, 21ſt, &c. the latter being a period of 4 years, the former of five.

I am yours, &c.

The LOVER's *Auction*.

WHEREAS a gentleman, upon a quarrel with his miſtreſs, having had all his letters returned to him, with ſeveral other things of value; and being willing to diſpoſe of them upon very reaſonable terms, propoſes ſpeedily to have a ſale for that purpoſe: This is therefore to give the world due notice, that all young beginners in the trade of making love, may take the advantage of furniſhing themſelves cheaply with proper materials for the carrying on of that buſineſs.

The following is a *Catalogue* of the particulars, which may be viewed every day till the time of ſale, between the hours of 12 and 2, at the Golden-heart in Love-lane.

The day of ſale is fixed for the 1ſt of April.

1. Three hundred choice Love-letters, folded up in the moſt engaging manner imaginable. They contain in a great meaſure the whole progreſs of love; and will be ſold very cheap, the gentleman deſiring nothing more than juſt to be reimburſed his expences in crow quills and gilt paper.

2. The lady's Anſwers, which do not quite amount to the aforeſaid number; the gentleman having in a paſſion burnt eight or ten of them. —— Whoever buys the gentleman's Letters, ought to have the Anſwers to them, to make the collection complete.

N. B. E——d C——l is to take notice, that he won't be admitted to be a bidder at this ſale: leſt the world ſhould ſuſpect the genuineneſs of theſe Letters, if they ſhould ever come to be publiſhed.

3. The lady's picture in a ſnuff-box, by ZINX; handſome enough to paſs for any beau's miſtreſs.

4. Thirty-two copies of original verſes: all on ſubjects, which a lover can never want opportunites of introducing in a natural unaffected manner; as thus. — To a lady on her blowing me with her fan. — On her being in a flower-garden. — On her preſenting me with a pinch of ſnuff. — On the patch under her left eye. — On her frowning—laughing—curteſying, &c.

N. B. The verſes on the patch under the left eye, will do full as well, if the patch ſhould be under the right.

5. OVID's *Art of Love* (Engliſh) bound in Turky, with the leaves gilt like a Common prayer-book, for the conveniency of reading at church.

6. *The new Atalantis*, bound in the ſame manner.

7. *Lord* ROCHESTER's poems. Ditto.

8. A tortoiſe-ſhell ring enamell'd: with a motto.

9. A receipt to make love-powder.

10. Two bottles of white ink: a little taken out of one of them.

11. Two pair of garters: one red, preſented by the gentleman to the lady, to denote the inflammation of his heart; the other white, preſented by the lady, to ſhew the purity of hers: with mottos on each pair, ſuitable to the occaſion.

Note, The mottos were bought at the ſhop of the moſt renowned motto-maker in England.

12. Twelve volumes of Romances.

13. Three of the lady's hairs; taken from the moſt favourite curl about her, intended for a locket.

Note, They are of a bright gold colour, ſuch as the ancients eſteemed the moſt beautiful in the world.

14. A brilliant heart ring; ſet tranſparent; ſupported by two CUPIDS; and crowned emblematically with the Spring: a preſent of the gentleman's to his miſtreſs. (Return'd.)

15. A naked Venus, by JULIO ROMANO.

16. Three doleful groans: a night piece, by GIOTTO.

17. Nineteen new oaths, invented by the gentleman himſelf, and fit upon any occaſion to be uſed by a devout lover, but eſpecially when he has nothing elſe to ſay. —The gentleman who compoſed them, has ſeldom known any of them unſucceſsful.

18. *The Art of Sighing*: a manuſcript poem, in three cantos, by my L— M——: with a word or two on the uſe of crying, as well as grumbling ſometimes. To which is added, a *Diſſertation* on the kind of weather, moſt proper for the ſighers, to make their attacks in.

19. *An Eſſay on Cloſets*, with their full uſe explained, by an eminent hand at Court.

20. Two broken fanns.—One old glove.— Half a yard of orange-coloured ribbon.—A ſmelling bottle tipped with three-penny worth of ſilver.—A row and a half of pins.—A modelly-piece, which the lady left behind her one evening in a great hurry at the gentleman's lodgings. —A broken pocket-glaſs.—Half a pound of perfumed powder.—Two bottles of orange flower-water.—A ſpying-glaſs, (the gentleman reſolving to be blind no longer.) —A copy of a letter from the lady to one of her married acquaintance: adviſing her how to behave to her maid, whom ſhe had truſted in her greateſt ſecrets, and therefore wanted to get rid of. ——— Theſe with ſeveral other curioſities, will be ſold in a lump together.

Note, The letter from the lady is written with incomparable ſpirit and ſagacity. It explains the whole art of defeating diſcoveries; which it demonſtrates wholly to conſiſt in an indolent ſneer, and a good effrontery.

There is one piece of furniture not mentioned in the *Catalogue*: namely, a ſmall gold-handled knife, with a caſe. This was ignorantly offered by the gentleman to his miſtreſs; but refuſed with great reſentment. The gentleman makes it a queſtion, Whether the very offering of this knife, had not a fatal influence on the lady's whole conduct afterwards. He therefore takes this opportunity of cautioning all paſſionate votaries, how they preſent ſciſſars, knives, &c. or any thing ſharp to their miſtreſſes, for fear of cutting love.

March 8, 1734-5.

SIR,

I Perceive by the *Votes*, that an act of parliament is now forming on the petition of the book-ſellers and others, to hinder any ſurreptitious editions of books from being clandeſtinely brought into the world, as has of late years been too frequent, in a moſt miſerable and maimed condition; as if they had really been engaged in one of the *Battles of the books* mentioned in the *Tale of a Tub*; or ſome envious critic had on purpoſe endeavoured to turn the edge of the author's wit, reaſoning, and happy manner of expreſſion, and to dreſs him in a fool's coat of his own making, in order to render him ridiculous to the next age. The liberty of the preſs has often, in this reſpect, been ſhamefully abuſed, whatever it has been in others; and ſome ſpeedy ſtop ought to be put to it. And therefore, at the ſame time that the legiſlature are for redreſſing the grievances of the authors, book-ſellers, and printers; 'tis to be hoped, that they will look farther, and conſider of a proper method for relieving themſelves, and all the book-buyers, from the notorious impoſitions, I had almoſt ſay'd, frauds, artifices, and oppreſſions of authors and book-ſellers; whoſe practices of late years have been very injurious to the purchaſer, upon every publication of a new edition of a book.

For after ſubſcribers have payed their money for their books, and a high price too, for the encouragement of authors, and learning; in a little time, the authors, or book-ſellers, or both together, ſet their heads to work, and publiſh new *Propoſals* for reprinting the book, with *alterations*, *additions*, or *notes*, in a different volume and character, and for half the price; and by that artifice, they render the firſt edition almoſt uſeleſs, or however of little or no value. So that ſome gentlemen, in order to have a Work complete, have, in 15 years time, been obliged to buy the ſame book with the additions, &c. thrice over. This is ſo well known, that I need not mention inſtances.—However, I will put you in mind of

the eaſe of the ſubſcribers and encouragers of the firſt edition of *Rapin's hiſtory* in Engliſh, who could not have obtained a promiſe from the publiſhers to do them juſtice, by publiſhing all the *obſervations*, *additions*, and *notes* that are in the 2d edition, in a ſeparate book, as an *Appendix* to make their edition complete, had they not raiſed a loud clamour againſt them, for their injurious treatment of them, and threatened to repreſent it to the parliament. Surely therefore the legiſlature, now that they have the affair of the book-ſellers before them, will for the eaſe and ſatisfaction of the book-buyers, and encouragers of learning, provide a remedy for ſuch unfair practices and extortions, and oblige them to do the thing that is right. There is the ſame reaſon for redreſſing this grievance, as that of which they now complain: and a clauſe in the ſame act may do it effectually to the following purpoſe, *viz.* 'That no author or book-ſeller ſhall reprint or publiſh a 2d, 3d, or 4th edition of any book above the value of 5 s. with any *additions*, *alterations*, *notes* or *references* whatſoever, unleſs he do at the ſame time publiſh a ſufficient number of books in the nature of an *Appendix*, containing all the ſaid *additions*, &c. for the uſe of ſuch as have purchaſed the former editions, and referring to the pages and places where the ſaid *additions*, &c. ought to be inſerted, and ſell them at a moderate price; and that under the penalty of forfeiting the whole impreſſion ſo publiſhed, or a certain ſum of money.

Theſe thoughts occurring to me upon reading the book-ſellers petition, as I am at a diſtance from the Town, have ſent them to you to uſher into the world, and recommend them, if they deſerve a place in your *Journal*, to the public, before the bill paſſes into an act.

I am your humble ſervant,

APPENDIX.

P. S. I have ſeen ſome *Appendixes* contain more matter than the whole book: they are often like the ſecret articles in a Treaty, of more ſignificancy than the whole Treaty beſides.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 13. The officers belonging to the fleet are ordered to repair immediately on board their ſhips at Portſmouth, Plymouth, and Chatham. *C. DJ.*

Sir Will. Aſhburnham is made receiver of the Alienation-office, and John Scot, Eſq; one of the commiſſioners, in the room of judge Jeſſop, deceaſed. *C. DJ.*

At the aſſizes at Northampton, one perſon received ſentence of death. *C.* —— At Oxford two. *DA.*

On tueſday Sir Hen. Northcote, of Pynes in Devon, Bar. was unanimouſly elected member for Exeter. *LP.* —— On friday Sir James Hamilton, of Roſehaugh, Bar. was choſen knight of the ſhire for Lanerk in North-Britain. *DA.* —— *The* LE. *Mar.* 1. *choſe* the lord Ann Hamilton.

At Trowbridge in Wilts, one Jane Hanny uſed to make pills of gun-powder, filings or ruſt of iron, flower of brimſtone, elicampane, liquoriſh, and treacle, which ſhe ſold about the country, by the name of *Pills of life and beauty*; and which procured abortion. She and her ſon being pounding the gun-powder, a ſpark from the peſtle and mortar blew up the combuſtible compoſition, ſhatter'd the houſe, and burnt them in a terrible manner. The boy is dead; but the woman is like [likely] to recover. It is generally thought a juſt judgment on her for her wicked quackery. *LP.* — *Theſe people ſeem to be of opinion, that there are two ſorts of* quackery, righteous *and* wicked.

Married, on tueſday, Mr. Tho. Scotfield, jun. to miſs Planner, a young lady of great beauty and merit, and a fortune of 5000 l. *DP.*

Died, laſt week, the eldeſt ſon of the hon. James Brudenell, Eſq; about 10 years old. —— On monday the only ſon of James Cocks, Eſq; *LP.* —— On tueſday Signora Celeſte Giſmundi, a famous ſinger. *DA.* —— Yeſterday of the ſmall-pox, the lady of Sir Edw. Deering, Bar. *P. DA.* —— In Lincolns-inn fields. *DJ.* — Who miſcarried on monday. *C.* —— On tueſday night. *DP.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 14. We hear, that his royal highneſs the duke is to accompany his majeſty to Hanover. *LP.* — *The* C. *Mar.* 12. *is for ſending* his royal highneſs up the Mediterranean.

We hear that there is to be a general remove of the quarters of the army in England. *C.*

Mr. John Thomas is appointed maſter ſcowerer of her majeſty's privy kitchen. *C. DP.* —— Laſt night the right hon. the lord Viſc. Southwell, was elected a fellow of the Royal Society. *DP.*

At Oxford 128 perſons have taken their degree of batchelor of arts ſince laſt lent. *DP.*

We hear the works for making the river navigable to Cheſter are at a ſtand, a ſpring tide having levell'd the banks that were to confine the channel towards the ſea, and broke down with great violence the new erected floodgates. *DP.*

On monday morning ---- Richards, Eſq; with two other gentlemen, in his coach and ſix, going to Huntington, was robbed by two highwaymen, near Mount-mill, of money and goods, to the value of 200 l. It is thought the highwaymen had ſome private information, they being provided with ſeveral cords, &c. with which they bound the gentleman, coachman, &c. *C.*

A few days ſince died, at Charlbury in Oxfordſhire, the rev. Mr. Will. Coles, formerly vicar of that place, (worth near 300 l. per ann.) which he was deprived of for his refuſing of latter oaths, and ſtrictly adhering to former, both being, as he thought, incompatible. He enjoy'd the promiſe of the fifth command, to which he payed a due obedience, a long life. *DP.*

Married yeſterday Mr. John Lowe, an eminent broker in Token-houſe yard, to Miſs Hicks of Portſmouth, a very agreeable young lady with a handſome fortune. *DP.*

Died, on tueſday morning, Mrs. Aſh of Chelſea, found dead in her bed. *C.*—Laſt night, Mr. Osborne, [Oſmond] a noted plumber in Fetter-lane, ſuddenly in his chair. *P.* —— Yeſterday, at Stepney, Capt. Jones, an Eaſt-India commander. *LP.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 15. We hear the rev. the lord biſhop of Hereford is appointed clerk of the cloſet to his majeſty. *C.* — Kiſſed his majeſty's hand on thurſday. *DA.*

Yeſterday his excellency Mr. Walpole ſet out on his return to the Hague. *P.* — About 4 in the morning. *C. DA.* — To embark for Calais, from whence he is to proceed to the court of France, and from thence to the Imperial court. *DP.*

The ſame morning Tho. Williams the pyrate [pirate. *DJ.*] was carried from Newgate through the city, and executed at Execution-dock, and afterwards his body was hanged in chains near Black-wall. *C.* —— About 7 in the morning: with the ſilver oar before him. *DP.*

Yeſterday the body of a man dreſs'd in a morning-gown, and very good linen, was taken out of Roſamond's pond; who was diſcovered to be one Mr, Segye, a native of Lorrain, and an eminent peruke-maker in Pall-mall. He was in very good circumſtances, had a conſiderable ſum in the public funds; and died a batchelor. He had a large parcel of goods returned upon his hands a few days ago, ſince which he has been obſerv'd to be melancholy. *DP.* — The ſame morning an attorney of Clement's-inn was found drowned in the Canal in S. James's park. *DA.* —— *This* peruke-maker *and this* attorney *ſeem to be the ſame perſon.* DA.

On wedneſday a man was found ſhot on Hounſlow-heath, ſuppos'd to be a highwayman. *DJ.*

Yeſterday Will. Sweet, Phil. Wilkinſon, Ric. and John Buckley were committed to Newgate, for robbing Kingſton church, and breaking open the houſe of Will. Clarke. *LP.* —— They were impeached by a boy about 9 or 10 years old, ſon of John, and nephew of Will. Buckley. Mary Buckley the mother was likewiſe concern'd; but acting under the direction of her husband, was ſet at liberty. *C. DJ. DA.*

Died, on ſunday, at Barns, the lady Suſ. Fane, ſiſter to the earl of Weſtmoreland. *DJ.* —— Laſt night, in Bow-lane, Dr. Brook, an eminent phyſician and man-midwife. *DP.* —— A gentleman well-dreſſed dropp'd down dead near Hungerford-market. *DJ.* — George Jackſon, Eſq; late of Camberwell. *DP. LP. Mar.* 17.

MONDAY, *Mar.* 17. We hear that his majeſty will viſit his German dominions this ſummer; that her majeſty will be appointed guardian of the kingdom, and will reſide at Kenſington. *C.*

Yeſterday the right rev. the lord biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry preached before their majeſties, &c. *DA.*

On ſaturday Sir John Norris ſet out for Portſmouth, to take a view of the fleet at Spithead. *DJ.*

We hear that the rev. Mr. Dyer, M. A. is appointed chancellor of the dioceſe of Exeter. *P.*

On ſaturday the lady Ann Lumley ſet out for the Bath for the recovery of her health. *DA.*

On friday the aſſizes ended at Rocheſter, when 8 perſons received ſentence of death. *C. DP. DA.* —— On ſaturday. *P.* —— On ſaturday at Glouceſter, when 2 were capitally convicted. *DJ.*

On friday night a houſe in Dagger-court, lower Morefields, was broke open, and 100 pounds worth of plate, &c. carry'd off. *DP.*

On ſaturday a perſon who keeps an ale-houſe near S. Clement's church in the Strand, who had been married upwards of 9 years, ſold his wife to a rolling preſs printer for 10 guineas; he receiv'd half a guinea earneſt, and 2 notes for the payment of the reſt; the woman went willingly home with the purchaſer, and the three parties have expreſſed a great ſatisfaction at the exchange, and been very joyful ever ſince. *LP.* — *They ought to be made* very ſorrowful *in a legal way.*

Married, a few days ago, John Parry, of Pantyrodyn in Cardiganſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Lloyd, a fortune of 8000 l. *DP.* —— Yeſterday, John Green of Penſhurſt, Eſq; to Mrs. Mary Philips, a young gentlewoman of a great fortune. *C.*

Died, on friday at Newington, Mrs. Gunſton, a maiden lady, ſiſter to the lady Abney; who has left 30,000 l. between 3 nieces. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 18. Yeſterday being S. Patrick's day, the tutelar ſaint of Ireland, was obſerved as a feſtival at court. *C. DJ.*

On ſunday night Mr. Ryan, beonging to the theatre in Covent-garden, was attacked by 2 ſtreet-robbers, in Great Queen-ſtreet, who demanded his money: but he endeavouring to defend himſelf, one fired a piſtol, and ſhot him in the mouth, under the tongue: laſt night his life was deſpaired of. *C.*——Yeſterday morning about one: by 3 or 4 foot-pads, who robbed him of ſeveral things of value; fired a piſtol into his mouth, which tore out ſeveral of his teeth, and ſplintered his jaw-bone, &c. *P.* —*My brother makes* the ſtreet *of* Covent-garden *the ſcene of this villany.*—— Two ſtreet-robbers: one took his ſword, and the other clapt a piſtol to his head, and ſhot him through the cheek and neck, broke his jaw-bone, and ſeveral of his teeth, &c. *DP.* —— About 2 o' clock: by ſome ſtreet-robbers; but he making a ſtout reſiſtance, they ſhot him in a terrible manner in the face: the piſtol was loaded with powder and paper only. *DJ.* —— In Little Queen-ſtreet: they bid him ſtand and deliver, and at the ſame time fir'd a piſtol in his face, which fractur'd his jaw-bone, and knock'd two teeth through his tongue. *DA.* — About 12, he paſs'd by ſeveral foot-men in Great Queen-ſtreet, and croſſing the way, heard a perſon follow him; when turning about, a villain clapped a piſtol to his mouth, which he diſcharg'd, ſaying, *Stand.* The piſtol was certainly charged only with powder. Mr. Ryan ſaid, *Friend, you have kill'd me, but I forgive you.* The fellow took only his ſword from him, which he afterwards dropp'd. Mr. Ryan call'd for the watch, by whom he was conducted to Mr. Kirwood's the ſurgeon, in Queen-ſtreet, when, being dreſs'd, he was carried home. Several of his teeth were ſhot quite out, and his face and jaw-bone ſo ſhatter'd, that 'tis doubtful whether he will ever be able to appear again in the character of an actor. *LP.* —— This laſt account was taken from his own mouth. He has loſt 4 of his back teeth. *LP. Mar.* 19.

The poll for Colcheſter was: Mr. Houblon 1086; Mr. Brooksbank 705. *LP. C.*

On ſunday night, Gregory, ſaid to be the perſon who raviſhed farmer Lawrence's maid, was brought to Newgate, from Wincheſter jail. *C.*——He had enliſted himſelf for a ſoldier at Hammerſmith; and was diſcovered by an hoſtler at Baſingſtoke. *P.*

Laſt ſunday night about 8, 2 gentlemen were knocked down and robbed by 2 or 3 foot-pads in Sacville-ſtreet; and a gentleman in a coach robbed by 3 in Warwick-ſtreet. *P.*

Married, yeſterday, John Griffin, of Great Marlborough-ſtreet, Eſq; to Miſs Dunning of Gatton, a young lady of 12,000 l. fortune. *P.*

Died, on ſunday at Leatherhead, in his 68th year, Tho. Moor, Eſq; *DP.* — At Polſdon near Leatherhead, Col. Tho. Moor. *LP.* —— In S. Martin's-ſtreet, ſuddenly in his chair, in his 96th year, Paul Docminique, Eſq; member for Gatton. *DJ.* —— Yeſterday, near Guilford, Hen. Marrygold, Eſq; a gent of 2000 l. per ann. *C.*

A lad about 14 at Parham in Suffolk, bit by a mad dog in November, by the advice of an eminent phyſician, took proper medicines, and was dipt in ſalt-water; yet died a few days ago in a miſerable manner. *P. DP. LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 19. The private charity that has been ſent to the ſtewards of the ſons of the clergy, ſince their feaſt-day, makes the whole amount to 986 l. 12 s. 4 d. *DA.*

Yeſterday the Chriſtmas-jury, for the city and liberty of Weſtminſter, was diſcharg'd, whoſe collections amounted to 207 l. which was juſtly diſtributed to the poor and decay'd houſe-keepers, &c. *DJ.*

Laſt monday night the right hon. the counteſs of Cardigan was ſafely deliver'd of a ſon and heir in Albermarle-ſtreet. *P. DP. DA.*

A few days ſince a Blackmoor, coming up the river, had both his feet jam'd, between the ſhip he belong'd to and another; and before a ſurgeon could come, he whetted his knife on a tobacco-pipe, and cut off his toes from

one of his feet, and the other foot at the ancle joint, and threw them overboard: he was ſent to St. Thomas's hoſpital, where it was found neceſſary to cut off one of his legs. *LP.*

Died on friday, Baldwin Wake, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Baldwin of Clevedon in Somerſetſhire. *DP.* —— On Sunday at Fairfield, Tho. Palmer, Eſq; repreſentative in parliament for Bridgewater. —— Yeſterday Phil. Lloyd, Eſq; member for Leſtwithiel in Cornwall. *LP.* —— On Sunday at Maidenhead in Bucks, John Keeyt, Eſq; *P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Mr. BAVIUS,

THE preſent ſeaſon brings on an ancient cuſtom uſed at the Theatres, of giving the performers a benefit play: and give me leave to tell you, that I think it a very laudable one; for ſurely nothing can be more delightful to a generous mind, than an opportunity of rewarding thoſe who have at any time given them pleaſure and ſatisfaction. Some people call a player the mechanical inſtrument, ſomething leſs than the *mouth* of an author: but I think, Mr. BAVIUS, that he is not only the *mouth*, but the *head*, the *eyes*, the every thing of an author. For unleſs he can taſte, he can never perform; he is not only to ſpeak the words that form the character, but he is to ſpeak in the character. Among thoſe who deſerve well of the Town, I beg leave to recommend Mr. CHAPMAN to their favour, whoſe benefit is fix'd for Saturday the 29th of this month, at the Theatre in Covent-garden. The play is *Rule a wife and have a wife*, written by BEAUMONT and FLETCHER; to which he has added the *Toy-ſhop*. I believe moſt admirers of plays think Mr. CHAPMAN a good Comedian; for he ſeems ſtrictly to obſerve nature, and to make her his only miſtreſs. The part he performs in the *Toy-ſhop*, has conſiderably increas'd the eſteem of the Town for him; and I don't doubt in the leaſt, but they'll generouſly make him acquainted with it on the night of his benefit.

I am, Sir, your humble ſervant,

PHILANTHROPOS.

EPIGRAM.

Of laws obſervant, human and divine,
Which heirs appoint the neareſt of the line,
'Mongſt Mad-men SWIFT would his eſtate divide:
For Wits and Mad-men are moſt near ally'd.

Since our laſt, we have received a *Letter* from MODUS; another from T. G. *The Emulation* a Pindaric Ode; a copy of *Verſes* ſigned PHILOMARTYRUS; and another ſubſcribed J. C.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar* 13 They talk at Vienna, that all the ſchemes of count Bonneval againſt Chriſtendom have proved abortive, and that famous renegado put under arreſt: and 'tis aſſured from good hands, that the motions of the Turks on the frontiers of Boſnia were only to exchange their gariſons, and to draw together ſome troops to ſend towards Perſia. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 14. —— *Paris, Mar.* 19. On the 25th paſt articles of capitulation for the citadel of Meſſina were ſigned: and his Neapolitan majeſty, having no longer occaſion for ſo many men, has ſignified to the duke de Montemar, that he would ſend him 7000 more of his beſt troops. *P. DP. DJ. DA.*

Lord Waldegrave was a good deal ſurpriz'd when he came to Paris, that the courier had paſs'd him with the plan: and 'tis ſaid, the miniſter's anſwer was, that his majeſty, in the midſt of his ſucceſſes, would not conſent to a peace, he did not approve of, how ardently ſoever he deſired to put an end to the war. *LP.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 15. They tell us from Vienna of the 9th, that the Emperor accepted the plan for a pacification, in a grand council on the 7th. *P. DJ.* —— Declared himſelf *diſpos'd* to accept the plan. *DA.*

The duke of Brunſwick-Wolfenbuttel, father to the Empreſs, died at Wolfenbuttel the 1ſt. *P.* — The princeſs Sophia-Hedwig, aunt to the king of Denmark, at Copenhagen, the 12th. *P. DJ.* — The 15th. *DP.* — Aged 58. *LP.*

The count Potocky, palatine of Kiow, made his ſubmiſſion in form to king Auguſtus, the 27th of laſt month, and obliged all the Crown army, who had not followed count Tarlo, to take an oath of fidelity to that prince. *DP. P.* —— King Staniſlaus has ſent the palatine of Kiow a large ſum of money; and gave him to underſtand, That tho' he had chang'd ſides, he deſigned to pay him the arrears due to him as Regimentary, and to convince him he was in earneſt, he had ſent him that money. *P. DP. DA.* —— The Poles on Staniſlaus's ſide in the late action againſt the Saxons, killed Gen. Birkholtz's lady, and her waiting woman; and the General himſelf, through grief and loſs of blood, ſurvived but two days. *D P. LP.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 17. —— *Paris, Mar.* 23. 12,000 Spaniards have inveſted Porto Ercole and Orbitello. *C.* &c.

'Tis ſaid, that amongſt the papers and treaſure which the Poles lately took from the Saxon convoy, a letter wrote by the Saxon miniſter at this court fell into their hands, containing ſome particulars of great importance. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 18. The brave Corſicans have eſtabliſh'd themſelves into a republick, burnt all the ſtatutes made by the Genoeſe; and publiſhed a manifeſto. *DP.* —— And eſtabliſhed new ones. *DJ.*

The Pope has conſented to acknowledge Staniſlaus: and has publiſhed a Bull, declaring that no murderer is capable of eccleſiaſtical immunity, and that he may be dragg'd out of the churches, and hang'd immediately. *DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 19. The late loſs ſuſtained by the Saxons is computed at 200,000 dollars. *DA.*

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